

Timberbank JPS School Council

Minutes from December 2nd, 2013 Meeting



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Nick Carasis (Co-Chair), Lisa Ferguson (Co-Chair and Caring & Safe Schools Rep), Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), Tilley Creary (Secretary) and Lynn Greenwood, SiYou Li, BingHui Lian, Gerald Jones.

Regrets:

Emmy Kelly, Sean Kelly, Logan Tharmalingam, and Jeya Balamanokaran.

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
Agenda items		
Approval of minutes	Minutes from November meeting Approved.	➤ Nick, 2 nd Lynn
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A copy of the PACE Savings & Credit Union member statement was distributed. ➤ All debits and credits from last year have been accounted for. ➤ School Council = \$3,790.80 	
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principal's Report</u> <u>Dec. 2nd, 2013</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Progress Reports were signed and went home and parent/teacher interviews took place. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet and discuss their child's progress 2. Staff Changes: Mrs. Spirou's last day is December 6th – Ms Ferrari will replace her until the Long Term Occasional Teacher is hired for December 18th; Mrs. Montgomery's last day is December 19th – interviewing this week for both positions 	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Engineer in Residence program continues with our grade 6s 4. Newcomer Kids program ended and it was great to have this free program once again at Timberbank (not sure if we will get in the Spring – usually only once a year) 5. Dental Screening will take place Dec. 13, 16 and 17th 6. Grade 6s will be going to Camp Kearney from December 13th to December 16th – presentation to parents on November 26th 7. Several presentations since our last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-bullying presentation during the TDSB Bullying Awareness Week – Dynamix and Team building • Officer Burns visited all of our classes • Grade 5s visited Queen’s Park / City Hall and Hon MP Jim Karygiannis visited our school • ON Track Assembly for “Respect and Responsibility” • Spirit Day – “Crazy Hair Day” 8. Fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Food Drive – continue to do so for Agincourt Community Services • Red Nose Campaign - \$3 to support Toronto Foundation for Student Success (to be sold in the last two weeks of school and worn at our Holiday Sing-A-Long) 9. Next Movie Night? - date agreed upon: Monday, January 27th 10. Spring Fair – need to look and consider a date – tentatively: Saturday, June 14, 2013 11. From Ms Chan – Calling for parent volunteers who can sew to be a part of a Concert Committee – contact Ms Chan at the school – 416-396-6605 12. “Move-a-thon” fundraiser scheduled for Friday, February 21st, 2014 13. Coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 5th – Grade 3 On-line French Immersion Applications closes • Dec. 9th – Grade 6s visit Stephen Leacock CI for a presentation • Dec. 10th – Trustee Sotiropoulos visits 	
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- Dec. 12th – “Seasonal Celebrations” @ 6:30pm
- Dec. 18th – Staff vs. Student V-ball game at 2:15pm
- Dec. 19th – Whole School Caroling @ 9am and Pajama Day

New Business

1. **Sexual Education forum notice sent out by our school trustee, Sam Sotiropoulos**
 - The last time the school curriculum was updated was 1998.
 - This is an open public forum, anyone and everyone is invited to attend
 - The proposed changes have not yet been made public, but the wording of the forum’s notice has caused concern.
2. **Further discussion of outreach grant**
 - Family Fun Night/with food
 - Children & Stress workshop
 - Computer information night
 - Cyberbullying event given by local police rep
 - Homework workshop (how to help your kids develop study skills)
 - Send options and a survey to the parent community via the Monthly Newsletter
 - Decide on which project to add to the grant in the January council meeting
3. **Further discussion of adult oriented fundraising ideas for capital expenditures**, i.e. new kinder playground, new primary and junior playground
 - Need to keep neighborhood demographics in mind when deciding on what kind of event to hold.
 - Also need to keep child care needs of the event’s participants in mind.
 - Put the word out to the community at large to encourage them

Lisa will add a survey to parents in the next school newsletter.

Council to decide in the New Year which project to dedicate fundraising to.

to participate even if they don't have children who attend Timberbank. (a new playground would benefit the entire community, regardless of school affiliation)

- Capital Expenditures proposals:
 - New Kinder playground
 - New Primary and Jr. playground
 - New baseball diamond
 - Upgrade school technologies (eg. iPads)
- Current playground structure has a few years left before it will be need to be replaced.
- Possible to ask for matching funds from the Board

4. Council's Corner

- Lisa to submit info for "Council's Corner" to the next school newsletter
- Will communicate responses from members on why they chose to be involved in school council.
- Will use this section as a way to encourage more parents to attend council meetings.
- Will include the council's agenda to inform parents on the topics under discussion at each meeting.
- Anna requires info 1 week in advance in order to include it in the newsletter

5. Winter Concert

- Raffle prizes needed, please bring donations to the front office
- Food drive has begun, items can be donated in advance to the front office or at the door the night of the concert
- Proceeds go to Agincourt Community Services (they currently donate their time to run our free after school program)

6. Movie Night

- Movie night needs at least 4 parent volunteers
- Council members indicated it would be easier to arrange schedules to accommodate if more advance notice of movie

Monday Jan 27 confirmed as the next movie night.

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	<p>night dates is given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed – movie nights be held on the last Monday of each month for the remainder of the school year. ○ Monday Jan 27 confirmed as the next movie night. Remaining dates will be confirmed at the January council meeting ○ Possible movies for Jan movie night incl. Despicable Me 2, Monsters U. <p>7. <u>Round Table</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed dates for the Spring Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 14, 2014 ▪ June 21, 2014 ○ Time: 11am to 3pm ○ Fair planning to be added to February council meeting agenda ○ Proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Garage Sale table with donations from the community ▪ Auction table with items donated from community ▪ Bake Sale <p>8. Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Remaining dates will be confirmed at the January council meeting</p> <p>Mike donating popcorn and juice</p>
Adjournment	Next meeting to be on Monday January 13, 2014, 2013 at 6:30pm.	

NEXT MEETING

Monday January 13, 2014

6:30 p.m.

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